संबंधित राज्य सरकारें और स्थानीय प्रशासन आनुषंगिक रूप से जिम्मेदार है ।

Ui'.ouiit asked for by West Bengal for repair work oi' NaSlonal Highways

2463.' SriRIMATI SARALA M i>HWARI: V/iii the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an amount of Rs. 19.28 crores was asked for by the Government of West Bengal for the repair of the National Highways in the northern part of West Bengal which was badly damaged by floods in July, 1993;

(b) if so, what was the amount sanction- I the estimate and how much was iv.;. *sA* io the State Government; and

(c) whether the amount released was adeyuate to restore the damaged part to Uafnc-woihy conditions if not what steps are being proposed to be taken?

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT iSHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Proposals for Rs. 13.94 crores for the repair of road/ bridge works on National Highways damaged by floods during 1993-94 in northern part of West Bengal were received

(b) Estimates amounting to Rs. 6.25 crores were sanctioned for the above repair works and an amount of Rs. 4.19 crores has already been released so far against the sanctioned works.

(c) Works re sanctioned keeping in view the condition of the road, traffic intensity, overall priority of the work and availability of resources etc. and rands are released has." on erllraates sanctioned and availability of resources. Efforts are made to mair.tam the Nat'onal Highways in a traffic-worthy condition within the available resources.

Ports closed for Ind?an ships irs Foreign Countries 2464. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR B1RLA : Will the Minster of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Some Ports closed to Indian ships" as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated 4th October, 1994;

(b) if so. whether due to fear of plague epidemic some countries have closed ports for Indian ships;

(c) if so, the present position of Indian ships and ports; and

(d) the efforts made by Government to continue operations at various ports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATJE OF THE MINISTRY OF S[1] TRANSPORT (SHRI IAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The Ports were not closed to Indian ships but port authorities in several coun tries like Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Quattar, Oman, Yemen, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh had imposed quarantine restrictions on ships calling at ports from any Indian port.

(c) All restrictions have ueen withdrawn and complete normalcy lias been restored.

(d) The Government took prompt action and all Indian Missions abroad were advised about the international expert opinion as well as the measures taken in India so as to y reassure the Governments of these countries about the absence of risk of plague infection through exports from India.

America's Investment in Road Sector in India

2465. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BiRLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT .be pleased to state :

(a) Whether the US is keen to invest 20 dollars for expressways in the country;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions of such investments;

(c) whether Government have approved the US investment;

(d) the details of Highways on which the ould be made; and

(e) by when the task is likely to be com pleted ?

,'ISTER OF STATE OF THE •RY OF Si TRANSPORT 3H TYTLER): (a) There has iffer received from the U.S.A. aspect of requirement indicated in the ''r on.

(b) lo (e) Do not arise.

Revival of Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Ltd.

2466. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHER-IEE:

SHRI NTLOTPAL BASU :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANS-PORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 55 given in the Raiva Sabha on 27th July, 1994 and state:

(a) ihe salient features of the proposal for the revival of the Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Ltd., which is under the examination of Government;

(b) what is the financial involvement of the revival package; and

(c) what is the time frame for completion of examination of the revival proposal by Government ?